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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

STEPHENS ET AL.

Examiner

Mark Fadok

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The examiner is in receipt of applicant's response to office action mailed 12/23/2004, which was received, 5/23/2005. Acknowledgement is made to the amendment to claims 1 and 10 leaving claims 1-19 as pending in the instant application. The applicant's arguments and amendments have been carefully considered, but were not found to be persuasive; therefore, the previous rejection modified as necessitated by amendment follows:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blinn (5,897,622) in view of Official Notice.

Blinn discloses all the all the features of the instant claims except as follows:

Blinn teaches a common interface that allows multiple merchants to customize their web presents yet offers common modules for accomplishing a web presents (see abstract FIG 2 and summary). Blinn however does not teach the use of XML as a communications protocol. It was old and well known at the time of the instant invention

to use XML as a web protocol, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include in Blinn the use of XML, because the use of XML improves the functionality of the web and would provide greater flexibility in organizing and presenting information than is possible with the older HTML document coding method.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/23/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Blinn does not teach wherein the common instance is divided into a plurality of sub-schemas. The examiner disagree and directs the applicant's attention to col 5, lines 36-45, where the common instance (Merchant System 120) is broken down into sub-schemas (portions of the relational database database used for storing a merchants data).

Applicant further argues that Blinn does not teach "wherein each of exchanges is implemented within a respective one of the sub-schemas providing a respective partial view of the common instance. The examiner disagrees and directs the applicant's attention to col 3, lines 25-30, where different information (merchants special promotions) are available only to the shoppers who access the merchants information from within the common instance (FIG 2, item 120).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mark Fadok** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-6755**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Wynn Coggins** can be reached on **(571) 272-7159**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the **receptionist** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-3600**.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Fadok', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Fadok

Primary Examiner